

FISCAL NOTE

HB 973 - SB 1547

February 5, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Divides the regulation of pesticides within the Department of Agriculture to create a separate section in the Division of Regulatory Services for agricultural uses and non-agricultural uses.
- Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$116,315 Recurring
\$6,000 One-Time**

Estimate assumes the need for 3 new positions and related expenses in the Department of Agriculture, the transfer of 8 positions to the new section and the purchase of new computers for the new positions.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director